

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 1, 2009, the Office imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, alleging that the instant application presented four patentably distinct inventions, as follows:

I. Claims 1-36 are drawn to monitoring e-mail messages transmitted from senders to recipients for detection of e-mail messages having the electronic document embedded therewithin or attached thereto, based on the unique identifier, in order to limit access of the electronic document to authorized recipients, classified in class 709, subclass 206.

II. Claims 38-57 are drawn to monitoring transmitted network packets, for diction of network packets containing the electronic document, based on the unique identifier, in order to limit access of the electronic document to authorized recipients, classified in class 370, subclass 229.

III. Claims 59, 61-67, and 69-74 are drawn to scanning intercepted e-mail messages for the detection of specified electronic document embedded therein or attached thereto and examining a policy to determine whether or not transmission of the document to a recipient is permitted, if said scanning detects an e-mail message having the electronic document embedded therein or attached thereto; and causing transmission of the document to the recipient to be blocked, if said examining determines that transmission is not permitted, classified in class 709, subclass 207.

IV. Claims 76, 78-83, and 85-89 are drawn to scanning intercepted network packets containing a specified electronic document and examining a policy to determine whether or not transmission of the document to a recipient is permitted, if said scanning detects an e-mail message having the electronic document embedded therein or attached thereto; and causing transmission of the document to the recipient to be blocked, if said examining determines that transmission is not permitted, classified in class 370, subclass 351.

The undersigned representative hereby elects Group II, claims 38-57, without traverse for examination. Claims 1-36, 59, 61-67, 69-74, 76, 78-83, and 85-89, drawn to non-elected inventions have been canceled from

the present application, but the undersigned representative reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned representative respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the undersigned representative, in person or over the telephone, we welcome the opportunity to do so. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account 50-4402.

Respectfully submitted,

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